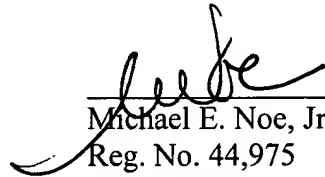


## REMARKS

In accordance with our telephone conversation on June 20, 2006, Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 3 and added new Claims 15 and 16 to overcome all of the previously cited rejections and objections. As we discussed, Claims 15 and 16 are narrowly tailored to Figure 2, and particularly includes the elements of Steps S303, S405, and S503 that are illustrated in Figure 2.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No fee for an extension of time or other fees are believed to be required. However, in the event that one or more fees are required, please charge them to **Hitachi Deposit Account Number 50-2587**.

Respectfully submitted,



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